

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

On Page 12, line 2, please, add the following text:

-- FIGURE 12 is a perspective view of a fastener according to another preferred embodiment of the present invention. --

On page 18, please, replace the paragraph starting in line 9 and ending in line 16, with the following text:

-- As further shown in Figure 12, the front point 40b of at least one of the high or long barbs, such as long barb 36b may reach or exceed the lower side 16 of the flat head 12 of the fastener 10, while the front point 40a of at least one of the low or short barbs, such as the short barb 36a remains at a lower point than the lower side 16.

In operation of this embodiment, the fastener 10 of ~~Figure 10~~ Figure 12 is inserted into the slot 42 of the first part 44; such as metal sheet for example, illustrated in Figure 1. The high or long barb(s) ~~having the characteristics of the barbs illustrated in Figures 1, and/or 2, or 3 (high barbs)~~ prevent rattling of the fastener in the slot 42 for various widths W (see Figure 1) of the slot 42 and/or various thicknesses of the first part 44, while the low or short barb(s) ~~having the characteristics of barbs 36A illustrated in Figures 1A and 2A (low barbs)~~ secure the fastener 10, and prevent it from falling off the slot 24 of the part 44. --